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Information Disclosure Statement

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Sir:

Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references cited on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08A are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner for independent evaluation. In accordance with the Rules in effect for applications filed after June 30, 2003, copies of U.S. patents and/or patent application publications are not enclosed.

The references listed on form PTO/SB/08A were cited in an International Search Report and a Written Opinion in the corresponding PCT Application and a Search Report issued in a corresponding German Application. A copy of the International Search Report and an English translation of the Written Opinion are enclosed. The International Search Report lists U.S. Patent No. 5,782,760, U.S. Patent No. 6,214,003, U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2001/023347 and EP0538994 as "A" references. The International Search Report lists U.S. Patent No. 5,250,047 as an English language equivalent of EP0538994.

A copy of DE19713797 and a corresponding Derwent Record are enclosed. A copy of EP0697199 and a Derwent Record are also enclosed. The International Search Report, Written Opinion and Derwent records are believed to satisfy the requirement for a concise explanation of foreign language references.

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Respectfully submitted,

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